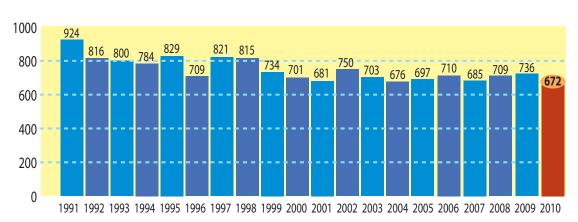
2010 Boating Accident Statistics

U.S. Coast Guard statistics

In 2010, the number of boating accidents decreased 2.66% from the previous year, the number of deaths decreased by 8.7% and injuries decreased by 6.1%. Overall, almost 75% of all fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those who drowned, 88% of the victims were not wearing a life jacket; 80% of those who drowned were on boats less than 21 feet in length. Alcohol use is the leading contributing factor, at 19% of the deaths, in fatal boating accidents.

2010 BOATING FATALITIES



2010 FATALITIES AND LIFE JACKET WEAR **CAUSE OF DEATH** TOTAL NUMBER LIFE JACKET **OF FATALITIES** WORN **NOT WORN** IF WORN **DROWNING** 484 57 395 32 **TRAUMA** 123 49 59 15 **CARDIAC ARREST** 15 8 6 1 5 0 **HYPOTHERMIA** 11 6 **CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING** 0 5 1



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CONTRIBUTING FACTOR					
ACCIDENT	NUMBER OF	NUMBER OF			
RANKING	ACCIDENTS	FATALITIES			
COLLISION WITH A VESSEL					
1	1,088	64			
COLLISION WITH A FIXED OBJECT					
2	456	38			
FLOODING/SWA					
3	448	72			
SKIER MISHAP					
4	447	15			
CAPSIZING					
5	335	180			

2010 TOP 10	CONTRIBUTING	FACTORS
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CONTRIBUTING FACTOR	ACCIDENT RANKING	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS	NUMBER OF FATALITIES
OPERATOR INATTENTION	1	759	49
IMPROPER LOOKOUT	2	375	17
OPERATOR INEXPERIENCE	3	358	33
EXCESSIVE SPEED	4	337	18
ALCOHOL USE	5	330	126
FORCE OF WAVE/WAKE	6	272	5
HAZARDOUS WATERS	7	265	100
MACHINERY FAILURE	8	257	10
RULES OF THE ROAD	9	211	16
WEATHER	10	209	41

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